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Long shot of table with row of books.  
A man enters scene, picks up one of the books,  
and holds it in his hand. Lap dissolve to  
back of book, closeup. Hand turns book to  
front cover, which reads:

The Conquest of New France  
(Chronicle's Device)

by  
George M. Wrong

Hand opens book to Title Page, which  
reads as follows:

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A Chronicle Written by  
George M. Wrong

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The Persons in the Picture

George Washington.....Arthur Vinton  
Richard Corbryn.....Charles Graham  
Christopher Gist.....Walter Lewis  
Robert Dinwiddie, Governor  
of Virginia.....John Hickey  
Jumonville.....Louis D'Arcley  
De Villiers.....Thornton Baston  
William Pitt.....Stanley Walpole

(Fade out)

6.(5)

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7.(24)

(Fade in)

One hundred and seventy years ago occurred  
events which determined that English in-  
stead of French was to be the native language  
of the millions who today inhabit the vast  
region between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi  
(Dissolve into)  
River.



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- 8.(16) In the year 1753 advance parties of French were moving down the tributaries of the Ohio River, claiming the land for the French King, despite England's prior claims.  
(Fade out)
- 9.(14) "The Great French Father will send thousands more of his warriors to help you keep your hunting-grounds from the treacherous English."
- 10.(17) (Fade in)  
England's affairs, in this period of her lowest national vitality, were left by her German King in the hands of self-centered ministers ---  
(Fade out)
- 11.(5) The Duke of Newcastle, Prime Minister of England.
- 12.(9) William Pitt, not yet the powerful figure in world affairs that he was later to become.  
(Small Pathepicture trademark in lower left-hand corner.)
- 13.(6) "The balmy summer afternoons make one rather drowsy----"
- 14.(14) "What action has been taken on the warning of Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia, concerning the encroachments of the French in the Ohio country?"
- 15.(6) "This dispatch gives Virginia permission to expel the French."
- 16.(5) "Only permission? Are we to send no guns, no men?"
- 17.(10) "What, wrangling again over paltry government business -- and the start of the races but a half hour away?"
- 18.(7) "Here, look after it for me -- I don't want to miss the first race!"
- 19.(10) To Robert Dinwiddie Esq.  
Captain General and Governor-in-Chief  
in and over His Majesty's Dominion of  
Virginia  
(Dissolve into picture)
- 20.(5) In old Virginia, one day in the early autumn of 1753.
- 21.(12) Robert Dinwiddie, Governor of Virginia, whose prophetic vision foresees the inevitable struggle for the mastery of the West.
- 22.(3) "Master is in the garden."
- 23.(9) Richard Corbin, an Old Dominion aristocrat, who stands high in the Governor's Council.

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- 24.(5) "Are there any developments in the Ohio situation?"
- 25.(5) "I have just received a letter from England."
- 26.(12) "The French are invading our western lands. I must dispatch a messenger in his Majesty's name to command them to withdraw."
- 27.(5) A favorite sport of Colonial Virginia -- the fox hunt ---
- 28.(9) "It is a mission of great importance. I need a messenger both brave and resourceful."
- 29.(12) "The man you want is out there riding with the hunt -- the young master of Mount Vernon -- Major George Washington."
- 30.(4) "You're right -- Washington is the man to send."
- 31.(11) (Fade in)  
At Fort le Boeuf, December 12, 1753 --  
(Fade out)
- 32.(7) Christopher Gist, a son of the frontier, Washington's guide - and friend.
- 33.(4) Van Braam, Washington's interpreter.
- 34.(11) F.I.O.  
The next day, St. Pierre and Captain Reparti, his interpreter, consider Dinwiddie's letter -
- 35.(9) "Dinwiddie, the hot-headed Virginia Governor, demands that we evacuate English soil!"
- 36.(9) "The King of France has a different theory concerning the ownership of this soil."
- 37.(10) "I could read their answer in their faces. They will refuse to move -- they mean to have war!"
- 38.(11) Out of Canada, with the opening of Spring, came the French reply to Virginia's challenge.  
(Fade out)
- 39.(14) THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST  
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- 40.(7) THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST  
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- 41.(6) (Fade in)  
In Virginia....  
(Fade out)
- 42.(9) "Governor Dinwiddie sees further into the future than any other man in these colonies."
- 43.(17) "George, what would you say if I should persuade the Governor to commission you a colonel, and put you in full command of Virginia's expedition against the French?"
- 44.(7) "No, that would be too great a charge for my youth and inexperience."
- 45.(17) "Perhaps you are right. The first shot on the frontier means war between England and France. The commander of this expedition may have to begin a tremendous conflict."
- 46.(17) (Fade in)  
Lieutenant Colonel Washington, second in command of a fateful expedition, leads a little advance force toward the French encampments on the Ohio.  
(Fade out)
- 47.(16) F.I.O.  
The French, a step ahead of the English, had seized the key position -- the forks of the Ohio -- and built Fort Duquesne.
- 48.(4) Ensign Jumonville.
- 49.(13) "You will follow my instructions faithfully -- the English must be made to understand that these lands belong to the King of France."
- 50.(12) (Fade in)  
Washington halted at Great Meadows, in Western Pennsylvania, about 65 miles from Fort Duquesne.  
(Fade out)
- 51.( Map showing portions of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia with important points named when map first appears. Then these salient points flash in one by one; Fort le Boeuf, Ohio River, Fort Duquesne, Will's Creek, Gist/Plantation, and Great Meadows.
- 52.(11) "I came to tell you that fifty Frenchmen were at my place yesterday. They must be hiding hereabouts."
- 53.(14) "The French want trouble, Gist. The situation is most delicate -- the gravest consequences may result from our actions."

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54.(14)

F.I.O.

Jumonville concealed his force in a shadowy glen -- not far from Great Meadows.  
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55.(15)

"Return at once to the Commandant at Fort Duquesne. Tell him I have found the English and will wait five days before ordering them to leave."

56.(17)

"That will give the Commandant time to march all his forces here. If those impudent English do not leave when told, we shall run them out at the points of our swords."

57.(18)

(Fade in)

That evening, a messenger from Half-King, an Indian Chief who was friendly to Washington, brought word that the French hiding place had been found.

(Fade out)

58.(7)

" -- the responsibility for firing the first shot would be great!!!"

59.(4)

"The French want war, and war must come."

60.(3)

" -- We will attack!"

61.(15)

At dawn May 28, 1754, took place the first military engagement in which Washington commanded an engagement destined to change the course of history.

62.(3)

Half-King.

63.(11)

(Fade in)

The death of Jumonville gave the French a pretext for retaliation.

64.(11)

A large force of French and Indians mobilized at Fort Duquesne.

(Fade out)

65.(10)

The brother of Jumonville, Coulon de Villiers -- sent from Montreal to command the expedition.

66.(15)

"On the Holy Crucifix I have vowed to punish this Washington, the murderer of my brother -- and drive his barbaric English from our King's domain!"

67.(4)

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68.(7)

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69.(17)

(Fade in)

In the meantime, Washington was informed of the death of Colonel Fry, commander-in-chief of the Virginia expedition, at Will's Creek.

(Fade out)

70.(3)

"You are now in sole command."

71.(20)

(Fade in)

Washington advanced his little army to a position on the Gist plantation, where, on June 26th, having heard of the advance of a greatly superior force, he called a council of officers.

(Fade out)

72.(4)

"Captain Mackaye advises withdrawal -- "

73.(3)

"What are your opinions!"

74.(15)

"The French outnumber us five to one - we are many miles from our base at Will's Creek, and the exhausted condition of our troops makes our position precarious."

75.(4)

"There are at least a thousand of them, sir!"

76.(8)

"Circumstances compel me to agree with Captain Mackaye -- we must retreat."

77.(4)

"My English brother make big mistake!"

78.(12)

"You English do not understand. If you retreat my people will think you are afraid. They will not fight for the man who is afraid."

79.(10)

"Half-King speaks with the heart of a warrior, but a soldier cannot always listen to his heart."

80.(5)

"My duty to Virginia is to save this command."

81.(10)

(Fade in)

The French pressed forward with the utmost speed...

(Fade out)

82.(11)

(Fade in)

...While Washington's exhausted command dragged itself back toward Will's Creek.

(Fade out)

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- 83.(20) "You see the condition of these poor fellows -- it will be impossible for us to reach Will's Creek before the French are upon us. Our only hope is to pick our ground and make a stand."
- 84.(14) (Fade in)  
Forced to accept a fight against heavy odds, Washington halted his little army at Great Meadows. (Small Pathepicture trademark in lower left-hand corner.)  
(Fade out)
- 85.(16) (Fade in)  
Here, on July 3rd, behind meager fortifications, which he called Fort Necessity, he was attacked by a vastly superior force of French and Indians...  
(Fade out)
- 86.(10) Almost entirely concealed by thick woods the French poured a raking fire into the little barricade...
- 87.(8) "Colonel, don't expose yourself so. You make a fine target standing there."
- 88.(21) (Fade in)  
From forenoon to nightfall, Washington gallantly held out. After dark the French, amazed at the resolute defense, proposed mild surrender terms -- terms that permitted Washington to save his men and return with them to Virginia ...  
(Fade out)
- 89.(8) "I'll fight with you, Colonel, while there's breath in my nody!"
- 90.(20) In the early hours of July 4th -- a day that Washington was destined to make glorious -- even the knowledge that he had saved his command could not ease the bitterness of defeat.
- 91.(16) (Fade in)  
Back in Virginia, firm in the knowledge that he has done his military duty, but fearful that a civilian governor will not understand.  
(Fade out)
- 92.(6) "I was forced to abandon the campaign. I'm sorry, sir."
- 93.(4) "Sorry? What have you to be sorry for?"
- 94.(16) "You've done a big think for your country. Out of your 'defeat' will come Virginia's victory -- and England's, too, in the end!"



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- 95.(4) "Don't you see, that new war must come?"
- 96.(12) "And out of war a peace that will give us  
undisputed possession of the wonderful  
country beyond the Ohio."  
New negative title for this - incorrect in  
sample print
- 97.(12) "Can't you see, Colonel Washington?  
Thousands of our settlers pouring out through  
the Gateway to the West --"
- 98.(19) F.I.O.  
Dinwiddie proved a true prophecy. Out of this  
French and Indian War came a victorious peace  
that opened for Americans the Gateway to the  
West.
- 99.(7) (Fade in)  
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"The Pilgrims"

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